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**PHOENIX MAN SENTENCED TO 188 MONTHS PRISON FOR  
POSSESSION OF A HANDGUN**

PHOENIX – Paul K. Charlton, U.S. Attorney for the District of Arizona, and Lester D. Martz, Special Agent in Charge for the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF), announced that Dax Mallaburn, of Phoenix, was sentenced here on July 27, 2005 to 188 months in prison, followed by an additional 60 months supervised release, by U.S. District Judge James A. Teilborg.

On May 11, 2004, detectives of the Phoenix Police Department's Drug Enforcement Bureau served a search warrant on a room at a north Phoenix motel in relation to the sale of narcotic drugs. In the room, Mallaburn was found in possession of a loaded .22 caliber revolver and an additional ten rounds of .22 caliber ammunition. The federal charges against Mallaburn stem from the Project Safe Neighborhoods program which prohibits people with prior felony convictions from possessing firearms. Mallaburn has five prior felony convictions, including Robbery, Burglary in the First Degree, and Unlawful Flight from a Law Enforcement Vehicle. Mallaburn previously pleaded guilty to the federal gun charge pursuant to a plea agreement.

The investigation in this case was conducted by the Phoenix Police Department and ATF. Within the Project Safe Neighborhoods program in Arizona, federal, state and local agencies, led by the U.S. Attorney's Office, cooperate in a unified offensive against gun crime. The ultimate goal of Project Safe Neighborhoods is to create safer neighborhoods by reducing gun violence. The prosecution was handled by Michael Lee, Special Assistant U.S. Attorney, District of Arizona, Phoenix.

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